

March 1, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I received your recent letter and revisions for the 1804 manuscript. All of the changes have been made including the weights and adding the two DuPonts to the list of contributors.

Enclosed herewith are silvertone prints of the balance of the cuts that we have for the 1804 book. I will leave it up to you to write captions for these, and then you should return the entire batch of silvertone prints to me so that we can set captions.

When you receive galley proofs of the type, I will return the photos to you and you can indicate where they should go in the text.

Also enclosed is a new cut that I found showing the 1804 five dollar gold piece in detail. I think this would make a worth-while addition to the book.

The typesetters finished over half of the book and then our job got sidetracked for something more urgent. They promised to resume setting type next week. I will have galley proofs for you as soon as the proofreaders finish with it.

'sever,

Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam  
encl.

Feb 25, 1962

Dear Ken:

The information on the Childs piece as to the ~~last~~<sup>raised rim</sup> ~~box~~<sup>rim</sup>  
~~edge~~<sup>rim</sup> requires some rewriting. If I get it done I will enclose  
it. If not it will be taken care of by correction.

You will be pleased to know that I have the DuPont data.  
Both pieces are owned by Mrs. Lammot DuPont who inherited them  
from her husband. The weights ~~she~~<sup>she</sup> gave me are not identified  
but are 26.796 grams and 26.581 grams. My calculations show  
these to be Cohen 410.21 ; Linderman 413.52 grains  
The Cohen piece therefore has been cleaned or something. The  
Linderman piece is the missing link you have been waiting for.

I know you will be happy with this letter - because  
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Sincerely,

  
Eric F. Newman

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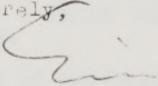
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# A. KOSOFF, Inc. *Numismatists*

• P.O. BOX 456 • ENCINO, CALIFORNIA  
• STATE 4-5005 • CABLE AKOINENCAL, LOS ANGELES

May 9, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

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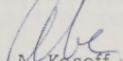
Thanks so much for your letter of the 4th in regard to James S. Hurwitz. I shall contact the police authorities in St. Louis just in case any of our coins are still available -- though I doubt it.

Incidentally, I am sending you a copy of the Illustrated History of U.S. Coins which I have prepared around the collection which will not be a mystery to you.

I made some remarks about the 1804 and 1805 Dollar which I think you will agree are in order -- or perhaps you may not, but in any event I thought I would answer a number of questions which have been put to me.

Kindest personal regards.

Very sincerely yours,



A. Kosoff  
AK:c1



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Professional Numismatists Guild, Inc., International Ass'n. of Professional Numismatists,  
American Numismatic Ass'n., American Numismatic Society, etc.

May 14, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff  
P.O.Box 456  
Encino, California

Dear Abe:

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Illustrated History and advising me that I will receive a library copy. I had been told that your book had some comments on the Zerbe 1804 and 1805 dollars and so I glanced at someone else's copy before your copy arrived. The book is a fresh and effective approach for the purpose of selling the Judd material.

In your letter to me you said that I might or might not agree that your comments on the Zerbe pieces are in order. I always respect sincere differences of opinion. Whatever either of us have written has to be and will be judged by others in the final analysis and, in addition, each of us has his own conscience to live with. Without numismatics we could not duel with each other in such an interesting way.

You also state that you thought you would answer a number of questions which have been put to you. That has been quite different from my experience. The many people from whom I heard seemed to feel that matter was a closed one.

I hope that the new book on the "normal 1804 dollars" will give you something to think and comment about when it is published in a month or so.

I suggest you contact the San Francisco police on the Hurwitz matter as I understand many coins were found and some may be from your consignments.

May 14, 1962

Mr. A. Kosoff

Would you like to buy my 1804 half dollar? B. Max  
Mehl approved it as genuine.

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

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May 21, 1962

Mr. Eric Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Your letter received and many thanks.

I know that you and I have a feeling that we may disagree on certain matters numismatic but I am sure that you respect my opinion and that right to have them, as well as the fact that I give these things serious and intelligent thought. For my part I have that feeling about you and the further feeling that you have contributed and will continue to contribute to numismatics in the form of investigation and information for years to come. Unfortunately, some of our impetuous young men are not quite as patient and perhaps they, too, serve their purpose.

In any event, the controversy over the 1804 and 1805 Dollar seems to have flared up because of the fact that I stated a position - which was the only one I could state, simply because that is the way I feel. I have been receiving inquiries from a number of folks who have the feeling that perhaps I know something about numismatics -- maybe they are right and maybe not but in any event, I owe them some explanation.

As I indicated to some of your colleagues, I am perfectly happy to be shown one way or the other and I do not hesitate to admit to errors. In fact, I often say that I wear out the eraser sooner than I do the pencil.



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My only hope in this matter is that some of the young fellows are not out to do a bit of harm even though they may feel that they are trying to accomplish something constructive -- but enough of that.

I do appreciate your information concerning Mr. Hurwitz and we are following up on the matter with the San Francisco Police Dept. Many thanks.

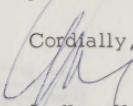
I note you mention something about an 1804 Half Dollar and that you indicate that Max Mehl considered it to be a genuine coin. On matters such as these I like to see for myself for one thing -- and secondly, to check with folks who know at least as much and often more than I do. You, for example, would be one. Your letter, by its tone, indicates that you do not believe it to be genuine. Of course, I haven't seen it and the likelihood is that it is not genuine.

Since I am leaving for Europe on Tuesday, it is not likely that I can handle the matter now but upon my return I'll be happy to have you send it to me and we can pursue that matter further.

For the moment, however, we are discussing the 1804 -- I just want to make it clear again that at no time have I been convinced that the 1804 and 1805 dollars belonging to the Ostheimers are genuine and I have indicated on numerous occasions by the same token I do not feel that you have completely established the fact that they are not. True, the burden of proof should be on the "discoverers" to establish the authenticity and that lacking such definite proof one would have to assume that they do not exist -- or at least are not authentic. With such a conclusion I would find no fault because, as I say, we should have these things established beyond a shadow of a doubt in order to accept them. I think this has gone on far enough. I understand you are publishing a piece of work on this matter and I look forward to seeing it with interest. I have asked Dick Yeoman and Ken Bressett to send a copy to me and they promised to send some proofs but that was a couple of weeks ago and I have not yet received it. Perhaps there will be something there that will influence me further, not that it is going to make a great deal of difference to anyone.

With best wishes and hope that you and your family have a most pleasant summer.

Cordially,

  
A. Kosoff  
AK:cl

Take Many or Early

2402 Grove

Dear Dan,

What follows you may quote at your discretion; It constitutes the basis of my dealings with Werner, Ostheimer and 1803 and 1804 dollars.

John B. Deiley in 1953 and possibly as early as 1951 told Werner that he had seen his so-called 1805 dollar. I saw it at coin club meetings and convention bourses, though I do not recall his putting a price tag on the coin. He always insisted that it was one of the 321 made in 1805. I disbelieved in it at the time, and told him that I thought it was an alteration from 1803 large 1 dollar. Werner had a copy of the 1804 B-6 reverse "A" and I told him up about the prospect of putting out a book on silver dollars. Werner had a piece and pronounced it of a die otherwise unknown. Frank Stirling, of Louisiana was also greatly interested in this project, and concurred (if memory serves) in this judgment. I insisted that it was an alteration. They claimed that the profile of the obverse differed from that in the 1803 B-6 and all other dies known to coin, with 1801-2-3 reverse "A". The die state was and is EARLIER than that found on some 1803 B-6's. This to me was sufficient to condemn the coin, though I was at the time not prepared to substantiate my hunch that the coin was in fact altered from an 1803 B-6 rather than some unlisted 1803 obverse. Werner continued to insist that the coin was authentic, but no longer allowed it around. I have a photograph of the coin, made around 1954 or 55 (I), showing much tarnish around date and what seems to be suspicious indentation around the tan period stars--this evidence of alteration being obscured by subsequent etching of the dies to metallurgical tests intended to establish their freedom from soldered alterations. I never saw Werner's "1804" alteration until the Ostheimers showed it to me in Eric Newman's presence at the historic Atlanta Convention on 1st or 2nd meeting after Newman's introductory speech. At that time I compared it with a specimen of the '802 from the same die, and concurred fully with Eric's judgment on it and on the "1805". The Ostheimers, for some reason, were interested in the possibility that the die might have been an earlier die, and to demolish this argument I cited my having seen, and recorded, specimens of the 1803 with reverse "A" advanced than those of the "original" 1804. I have already alluded to specimens of 1803 B-6 with advanced die breaks, obv. and rev., showing that they were struck later than the Werner-Ostheimer "1805" and from the same dies. Unfortunately, my inability to produce the actual specimens has probably resulted in Werner's getting away with this ~~trick~~ <sup>trick</sup> edition, which may be fairly described as the biggest swindle in the history of numismatics.

In 1952 or '53, I think (the exact date can be checked up from a file of the Numismatist, same year in which Bareford's article appeared, on "The Minting and Grading of US Coins"), Mr. Harold S. Bareford attacked me in a speech delivered at the N.Y. Numismatic Club, later reprinted in the Numismatist under the title "The Minting and Grading of US Coins" in some such title. The attack, from its wording, was an attempt to denigrate my Archives research (published by the late Wayte Raymond and others) which I established that the close ~~or~~ collar used on the 1804 dollars was a Mint process not in use prior to 1828. Bareford had been heard to say that he would believe that the 1804 dollars were struck in 1804.

February

Again in 1954, at the time of the Davis-Graves sale, J.B. Stack threatened over the telephone to sue me and New Netherland jointly and severally for \$1,000,000 if they or I published anything whatever adverse to the 1804 dollar. The coin was misdescribed as an "original" in the catalogue of that sale despite its having been several times earlier sold, correctly described, as a restrike (Class III). It went to a floor bidder, "K.P.", described as "from Alaska", for \$8,600. Nevertheless J.B. and Morton Stack were for some time thereafter extremely hostile to me. The story they allowed to circulate was that the coin would have brought \$12,000 but the person who had bid this amount (presumably on the book) canceled his bid after overhearing me answer someone's questions about the coin between sessions of the sale--and my answer condemned the coin as a restrike made no earlier than 1850 and probably long afterwards. My own attitude then and is now has been: if the truth hurts, it is only right that the truth is told. It is especially important in this case, as I recall, that a coin be profitably taken the risk of the truth coming out. I believe the coin dealer's attitude is that I should mind my own business. But I have not wantonly attacked particular coins; instead, I have consistently tried to tell the truth--sometimes favorable, sometimes otherwise to questioners, whether these were dealers or collectors. The only ones who have been badly hurt by this policy have been dealers with misdescribed or mislabeled coins; in some instances collectors have refused to buy them, or have returned them, on my advice. But had I failed to tell the truth then, someone else would have eventually told it--perhaps too late for the collector to recover his hard-earned money, or even to be eventually compensated by the dealer. But why should I, a private individual, be guilty of aiding and abetting a dealer?

Respectfully submitted, Walter Bacon

This ends what you may quote in print.

I suggest that you send the AK review and letter & rebuttal to Num. Sleevs, 54, far as I know, Krause isn't in the pay of the ungodly. You might not get much for it, but at least it'll be in print, and that's the important thing. I finally located my solitary reject of the last seven or eight years: a review of "The Current Trends of CW" blasting the manuscript as a "rubbish" of which they own rolls and bags as "rare" while their fawning acolytes la la in blast any one NOT interested in the current Trends. (See what inspired this blast in my part, see the 18 Aug. 60 issue of CW, letter-column section; but have a barfbag handy, as it's truly ratbitchmaking.) I will try to work this for you, and others, somewhere, eventually.

I have read proof on the Newman et al. "Fantastic 1804 Dollar" book. It is excellent and not in the least degree disappointing.

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc

July 25, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bresett  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

I am enclosing a list of those who should receive a complimentary copy of the book, but I have omitted those in St. Louis to whom I could give the book personally. There are eighteen in St. Louis on my list. You were going to send me a dozen, and therefore, you should increase that to a dozen.

Do you think that we ought to insert a little printed slip with the compliments of the authors, or do you think we should write a joint letter to some parties indicating that under separate cover we are sending the book with our compliments?

You will, of course, have many more to add to this list, but I wanted you to have my list promptly so that you could work with it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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August 25, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bresnett  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

The more I think of it the more essential it is to find out the weight of the 1804 Eagle in gold. I have the weight of the one in silver. I even think it is worth a phone call.

It has occurred to me that if, perchance, you do not finish all of the typesetting in time to mail it to me for the weekend you could mail to me whatever is finished and cut the pasteup book so that I get the part which has been finished and you retain the part which has not been.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/stb

TO  
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
c/o Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

FROM

New Netherlands Coin Co., Inc.

1 WEST 47TH ST.  
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

SUBJECT: David Spink's well kept secret, other matters...

DATE: August 30, 1962

FOLD ↑ Dear EPN:

David Spink had a beautiful specimen of the dated 1795 Liberty & Security Penny, at <sup>(unseen)</sup> \$1500. we bought it, and have offered it out at \$1875. Am I correct that you think this price too high (or am I being presumptuous?)? *Too high for it at this time!*

The Spink deal re the 1834 Presentation set has me confused. Apparently, he knew about the existance of the set for some time... why didn't he give you the dope so that your book could have been changed to suit? Jim Risk is a good friend of Spinks (and an employee of Stack's), but now does that make him an authority on ANY U.S. series, much less the 1834? *Stack's* mess? ~~Stack's~~ have told me that they intend to take action against the Whitman book if it harms their offering of the Wolfson 'Oh, which they twice sold (by implication) as an "Original." Are Stack's interested in purchasing ~~the~~ the Spink set? We are, as we have a client who MUST HAVE THE SKT, and who will pay accordingly. (our client likes the story, and the historical background, and will not own any other 1804. Can you help... this deal can be of a mutual benefit. Confidentially yours....

PLEASE REPLY TO → SIGNED

John *[Signature]*, Jr.

DATE

SIGNED

SEND WHITE AND PINK COPIES WITH CARBONS INTACT PINK COPY IS RETURNED WITH REPLY.

September 4, 1942

Mr. John Ford  
1 West 47th Street  
New York 37, New York

Dear John:

The mystery of the Spink Set is completely beyond me. The information was withheld from me as well as everyone else. From questions which I asked and which are to be answered, I believe the Set is in England.

It is entirely possible that a smoke stream is being thrown up to prevent the ownership from being determined. I wish I could help you and will if I get any further clues.

The type setting on the changes in the book are complete and I understand it will be ready for distribution about September 17.

If you think you have ever had trouble, imagine what I have gone through.

Thanks for the information.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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New Netherlands Coin Co., Inc.

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1 WEST 47TH STREET  
NEW YORK 36, N. Y.

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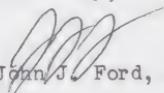
Many thanks for sending me the part of the recent  
ANS proceedings, containing your corrections and additions  
re the Virginia Coinage. Now, I can throw away my copy of  
the proceedings!

Enclosed you will find another single copy of  
"Sound Currency."

I certainly look forward to receiving both the  
"original" version of the 1804 Dollar book, as well as the  
corrected version. I hope that you give me the first with  
a suitable inscription, as I feel this will be a real  
(numismatic bibliophile) collectors item in the years to come.

Again, many thanks, and with very best personal  
regards.

Sincerely,

  
John J. Ford, Jr.

JJF:dn

September 6, 1962

Mr. James G. Risk  
Coin Galleries  
123 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Risk:

Thank you for your generous comments with respect to "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar."

I think it would be worth while for you to obtain the weight of the 1804 proof Eagle, which Stack's have, if merely for comparison sake, and let me know the weight. Would you be nice enough to do that.

We will get acquainted, personally, one of these days.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

TPP/ab

# Coin Galleries

Dealers and Appraisers

Hotel Salisbury - Second Floor  
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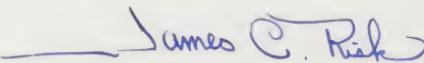
I regret very much that I have not been successful in getting the weight of the Proof Eagle in the 1834 set. It seems that the coin is physically unavailable at the moment and will remain so for at least another two weeks. I have given Ken Bressett the bad news by telegram this morning. The Stack's have one of these Eagles tucked away so that I suppose I could have weighed it and give you the results. Something told me that this information would not have been precisely what you wanted, so I resisted temptation.

The rainy part of this last weekend was devoted to the rare uncorrected edition of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" Ken Bressett was kind enough to give me. Let me say that I do not recollect any Numismatic publication which has given me more satisfaction and sheer pleasure to read. You have done a magnificent piece of work and I am glad that the 1834 set came to light just in time to permit certain basic additions. While the scholarship of the author and his collaborators is impressive, the book is also worth its weight in laughs. You have gently planted quite a number of barbs right where they belong.

If you do get a chance to stop in while you are in New York I would certainly enjoy making your acquaintance.

Sincerely yours,

COIN GALLERIES



James C. Risk

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cc. Ken Bressett

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P. O. Box 333

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Sept. 10, 1962

Dear Eric:

First, let me say that the 1804 book is correctly named--fantastic! If I had to classify it, I would have to create a new category, something like a "numismatic think piece." I can see the tremendous amount of research and thought that went into it.

The proof reading is excellent. I don't know how much you are going to have to change in 60 pages but this first edition (or bound press proofs) is near perfect. (I can only suggest that the illustration of the reverse on page 53 be straighten--center periods level.)

I don't think I thanked you adequately at the airport for your article. Thank you, and I certainly appreciate your cooperation. Now, one more thing, do you have a photograph of yourself?

You mentioned your interest at the airport about the Library of Congress catalog cards. From the sample sheets they sent me, I believe the cards will be reproduced complete in the A.N.S. bibliography.

Therefore it will be easy (and less expensive) to order the cards by first looking up the entry in the A.N.S. bibliography and recording the CARD NUMBER.

I have enclosed a sample card and a yellow order form. The Card Number is at the lower right (and not to be confused with all the other numbers at the bottom). To order a card just enter the card number and author's last name on the yellow forms (supplied by the L of C).

The cost, I believe, is 8c for the first card, 5c for each identical card thereafter. (You can order by formula, as one for each author, title, subject.) Write to the Card Division, Library of Congress, Wash. 25, D.C. for more info. They supply a Handbook which gives all this info.

As for the books I sent recently, here are the prices:

Compartee. Catalogue of Coins, Tokens, and Medals.	
This is the 1914 (and best) edition. . . . .	\$15.00
The Numismatist. 1903. Incomplete. . . . .	8.00
Watson. History of American Coinage. 1899. . . . .	7.50
Smyth on Dollars. (If this is of no value to you please return) . . . . .	2.00
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TOTAL	\$32.50

I'll trade these for your duplicate copy of The Story  
of the American Banknote Company and the cash difference.  
Set your price on the later and send at your convenience.

In regard to the other books on your want list, I can  
lend you most all these. (I find I don't have the 1850 edition  
of Eckfeldt & Du Bois New Varieties.) But I have all the rest.  
You are welcome to use these, but I prefer not to sell.

Very best personal regards.

Cordially yours,

Dick



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11th September 1962

Mr. E.P. Newman,  
400 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis 2,  
Missouri,  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

I thank you very much for your letter of the 5th September which was awaiting me when I arrived at the office this morning, my first day back after nearly six weeks.

First of all, let me say how pleased I am to hear from you personally, as I do not think we have met and you were not in Detroit when I met your colleague Kenneth Bressett. I am truly sorry, however, that my discovery was not made public in time for it to be incorporated in your new book though, naturally, I am pleased to think that it was just in time to enable you at least to include some details in it. Frankly, I think I had heard rumours of your publication but I somehow had the impression it was just a book on United States dollars and not a book devoted entirely to the 1804 dollar. However, Kenneth told me he had been able to stop the presses in time so I hope the financial loss will not be too great. He very kindly gave me one of the few advance copies he had already received of the book, which I read on the journey back to England at the end of the Convention with the greatest interest. Indeed, I would like to congratulate you most warmly on this magnificent production, which covers this intensely interesting subject just about as fully as anyone could possibly do it, and it is so well produced and illustrated, that it will surely rank as a masterpiece of scholarly research.

As Kenneth will have told you, I had to return home

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September 13, 1962

Mr. John Ford, Jr.  
176 Hendrickson Avenue  
Rockville Centre  
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

One of the worst things you can do is to have to rewrite a portion of another man's book and I believe Taxay should do his own rewrite based upon the Spink talk which you sent him and based upon the changed information in our book. If he makes the changes before seeing our book he will be walking in the dark and stultifying himself. This is an unfortunate situation to arise as far as he is concerned but think of what the Spink find did to me.

I have no page proofs of the final edition and will not have any. The only set I had was sent back to Whitman and the book will be out some time during September. I think you should send Don one to India as I will probably be on vacation when it comes out.

I admire Don and his ability but I had told him that although he can submit his revisions to me there are certain things which I would want him to do which he probably would not do and there are other elements where I would be immodest if I had to go over them.

I do have one particular fact which will not be in the book which he can make hay with. The 180<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> proof eagles weigh 270<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> grains, which conforms to the standard of 180<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> and not to the standard of the June 28, 1934 Act. This makes this eagle an illegal eagle, as the weight under the 1834 Act is specifically provided.

Mr. E.P. Newman

11th September 1962

immediately after the Convention on Saturday to catch up with the family who were already on holiday and it was a few days before I could arrange for further photographs of the coins to be sent to him, or to let him have a few comments of my own which I did in a letter dated the 31st August.

I shall certainly look forward to meeting you next month and in view of all the circumstances, will make every endeavour to have the coins available for you to see, as I have more or less already arranged to have them here in my possession for the time being. Naturally, I am interested in your comments at the end of your letter when you say the 1804 dollar was not struck on a steam press but with the collar mechanism which was being developed for the new presses. I am not sure if this was explained in the book, which I read rather rapidly, but I got the impression that the 1804 dollars were considered to have been struck on a steam press in 1836 or shortly afterwards, and could not have been struck in any other way.

With very kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

*David F. Bent*  
D. F. Bent

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Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.

September 13, 1962

I also have told Don that his citations are missing in many instances and that this defect would hurt the book.

You have no time to do all the polishing and re-writing and regardless how much you would like to do it I think it is a mistake.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 13, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Please be kind enough to send the six dozen of the new edition to my office as I will have them distributed to relatives and what-have-you while I am out of town.

In addition to the list of those to whom copies should be mailed, I would like to add the following:

Don Taxay, C/o New Netherlands Coin Company  
1 West 47th Street, New York 36, New York

(Perhaps you should mail the one for Ford, the one for Wormser and the one for Taxay in one package with a name on each).

Please also send one to:

Andrew E. Newman  
Room 36 Weld Hall  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts                            and

Linda Newman  
Rockefeller Hall  
Bryn Mawr College  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

As to reviews, editorials, and comments by others as to the book, please keep an extra copy of each for me.

In connection with the advertising of the book, I believe it is somewhat inaccurate to say that the authors leave it to the reader to come to conclusions, and this might be changed.

Page 2

September 13, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett  
Whitman Publishing Company

I would certainly like to go to Muscat, myself, but unfortunately people of my religion are not permitted by the government to go there.

I will try to see Spink in London and take a look at the beloved coins.

Don't volunteer the fact that I am out of town as I will be back before you know it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD W. BROWN

EWM/eb



THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT  
MANUSCRIPT DIVISION

September 13, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman:

This is in reply to your enquiry of September 4.

An examination of the Andrew Jackson Papers dated between October 8 and November 11, 1834, has failed to discover any communication between President Jackson and the Department of State concerning a gift of coins to be sent to the King of Siam and the Sultan of Muscat.

Faithfully yours,

David C. Mearns  
Chief  
Manuscript Division

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
President  
Numismatic Education Society  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

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Dear Mr. Newman:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your recent inquiry and to assure you that an answer will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

Faithfully yours,

*David C. Mearns*  
David C. Mearns  
Chief  
Manuscript Division

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November 1956

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

Date of Communication: 8-21-62

Subject: Microfilm Order

- Receipt of your above-dated communication is acknowledged. You will receive an answer as promptly as possible.
- A prompt reply to our communication of above date will be appreciated.
- Material requested is out of stock. If the number of requests is sufficient to permit a rerun, copy will be sent.
- Your communication of the above date has been referred for reply to
- Your order is scheduled for mailing in about 4 weeks from the date of this card.

September 4, 1962

Manuscript Division  
Library of Congress  
Washington 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

Mr. James B. Rhoads, of the National Archives, has referred me to you in connection with the possible existence of a letter or directive from President Andrew Jackson to the State Department. The communication would have been written between October 8, 1834 and November 11, 1834. The basis for the possible existence of this communication is a letter dated November 11, 1834 from Secretary of State, John Forsyth, to Samuel Moore, Director of the Mint, in which Forsyth states:

"The President has directed that a complete set of coins of the United States be sent to the King of Siam and the Sultan of Muscat".

The suggestion that such a set of coins be sent arose on October 8, 1834 in the State Department.

Would you, therefore, be kind enough to check in the papers of Andrew Jackson to determine whether this communication was a written one. I will very much appreciate your cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President

R/P/s.tb

August 27, 1962

Mr. James B. Rhoads, Chief  
Diplomatic, Legal, and Fiscal Branch  
National Archives and Records Service  
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: MGRD

Dear Mr. Rhoads:

Thank you, very much, for your prompt cooperation with my request for a copy of the letter dated March 31, 1834 from the Secretary of State to the Director of the Mint (Domestic Letters, Vol. 27, page 284).

The printer is already setting the type, including the letter in my forthcoming book and I am sincerely grateful for your promptness as I know you have an enormous amount of requests.

I had sent an incompletely check to cover this item and received a postal card that the microfilmed item would be received in four weeks. Perhaps the check has gone along with the order as it would be handled in the normal course. Would you be nice enough to cancel the microfilm order and use the check for the cost of your emergency order.

In a letter dated November 11, 1834 from the Secretary of State, John Forsyth, to the Director of the Mint, it states, "The President has directed that a complete set of coins of the United States be sent to the King of Siam". I must determine whether that direction of the President was in writing. If it was in writing it would be from President Andrew Jackson dated between October 8, 1834 and November 11, 1834. Did Andrew Jackson write such a letter, directive, or order?

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/abt

September 10, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

I would like to have six more copies of the  
original "booboo" printings of "The Fantastic".

Please endorse each one of these copies with  
the words "bound page proofs in need of  
correction" and sign your name.

It is ridiculous for this to become a col-  
lector's item but I suspect it might be.  
It may be the state of knowledge prior to  
the disclosure of the Siam situation.

If you want to send any message to me while  
I am out of the country, please write my  
office and they will have some idea where  
to locate me.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPM/atb

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



AIR MAIL

*National Archives and Records Service*  
Washington 25, D.C.

August 22, 1962

IN REPLY REFER TO: NCRD

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Enclosed is an electrostatic copy of the letter that you requested (Domestic Letters, Volume 27, page 284). In this instance, because of the urgency of your request, we are forwarding it to you without prior payment. The cost of reproducing this document is 50 cents. Remittance should be made to the National Archives and Records Service by check or postal money order payable to the General Services Administration (NCRD).

Sincerely yours,

James B. Rhoads, Chief  
Diplomatic, Legal, and Fiscal Branch

Enclosure - 1

# Coin Galleries

Dealers and Appraisers

Hotel Salisbury - Second Floor  
123 WEST 57th STREET  
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

September 17, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

The Stack 1804 Eagle has been weighed and the results telegraphed to Ken Bressett. Shortly after talking to you I received a letter from Ken in which he explained why the weight of the Eagle would be useful to him. It was immediately apparent that the coin in New York might well serve your purposes, as he later confirmed.

I have just been subjected to a curious inquiry accompanied by a barrage of comment concerning the Spink 1804 Dollar. In view of the fact that your name was mentioned it seems most appropriate that the matter be brought to your attention.

Last week John J. Ford telephoned me and wanted to know why David Spink had held back, as he put it, the information about the discovery of the Siamese Set and the Dollar it contained. He supported this inquiry by specific references based on the combined talks we gave in Detroit, which he had just read. He pointed out that the delay had subjected you to the extremely difficult task of revising a publication after it was already in print. The rest of his remarks need not be summarized.

You may well imagine that this question was the cause of considerable surprise, particularly in view of the way and the manner in which it was presented. While I did my best to provide an answer, insofar as I was able to do so, I am not at all sure I should have made the attempt.

It has always been my custom not to meddle in affairs that do not concern me. I can only say that I am sure David Spink disclosed the existence of the set as soon as he, and the owners, felt the information could be made public. If the existence of the Set was not brought to your own attention earlier, it seems to me that there must have been overriding circumstances concerning which no one has been informed. If the information could have been given out sooner, I am sure it would have.

In closing, let me say frankly, that I would not bother to mention this matter to you under normal circumstances. But in view of the way it was brought to my attention, and the implications so lavishly projected by the inquirer, I feel that it is just as well to clear the air at once. I think that you are already aware that both Mr. Spink and myself have the highest regard for the work you have done and are more than happy to do anything in our power to extend what help we can.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Risk

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Copy sent to Ken Bressett

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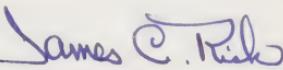
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Sincerely yours,

  
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James C. Risk

Copy sent to Ken Bressett

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WALTER THOMPSON

NUMISMATIC RESEARCH

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

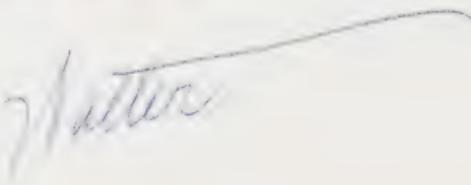
Sept. 22, 1962

Dear Eric:

Enclosed please find copies of two letters you might be able to use in your book on the 1804 dollar.

Perhaps you are aware of it but I have gone through the records up to 1883 and in but very few incidents has the Mint answered any inquiries about the 1804 Dollar. It seemed to be the general policy to ignore these requests. The only period I can recall when they were answered was during the Directorship of James Ross Snowden.

Good hunting



Post Office

Oakland, Alameda Co. California

Feb. 28, 1879

Cashier U.S. Mint  
Phila., Pa.

Dear Sir : A friend of mine has a silver dollar of 1804 in excellent condition, which he will sell for a good consideration, he has heard of their scarcity and the high value placed on them. If you know of anyone wanting such a coin, or hear of anyone wishing to purchase such a coin, will you please be kind enough to give them my address.

F. W. Cushing  
xxxx A ss't Postmaster

Eagle Hotel

A. F. Seigrest

Pebanon, Pa. May 16, 1879

Cok. A. Loudon Snowden:

Sir: Will you be so kind as to inform me how many Silver Dollars were coined in the mint during the year 1804 and what it is worth. I meet you at Atlantic City the General wished me to ask you

Daniel Parker

Agent Gen Tom Thumb

P.S. you will confer a favor by answering

Note: Tom Thumb was a midget who headed a troupe of midgets that toured the country.

W.T.

September 28, 1962

Dear Mr. Bressett,

Mr. Newman has asked me to write you this note to request that two copies of "The Fantastic" be sent to the American Numismatic Society, as they requested them.

Will you please take care of this.

Thanks.

Mrs. Ann Barrett  
Secretary to Mr. Newman

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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1220 MOUND AVENUE • RACINE, WISCONSIN

October 1, 1962

Mr. Edward R. Barnsley  
111 South State Street  
Newtown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barnsley:

Under separate cover I am happy to be sending you a complimentary copy of my new book, THE RUMBLE 1804 DOLLAR. Please accept this with my best wishes as an addition to your numismatic library.

I hope that you will enjoy the book a fraction as much as I enjoyed working on it.

Kindest personal regards.

John C. Whitehorn  
WHITEHORN PUBLISHING COMPANY

John C. Whitehorn  
Numismatic Editor

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DIRECTOR OF THE MONEY MUSEUM

Mr. Bennett E. Frost

1510 Meindl Avenue  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Frost:

I am certainly pleased to have an autographed copy of your new publication, THE FANTASTIC 1804 DOLLAR. After glancing through it, I can realize how thorough and scholarly a job has gone into their work. I know that I will enjoy reading it. Undoubtedly, it will be the standard publication on this particular coin for generations to come.

To you my thanks and my enthusiastic congratulations.

Cordially,

G. W. Dodson

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION  
UNITED STATES NATIONAL MUSEUM  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

William Dohring Company

Dear Mr. Dohring:

We received the two copies of The Pacific Gold Digger.

Our congratulations are sincerely in order for this beautifully presented study, especially for the way we needed the last  
month additional information by Mr. Spy & only in August! I  
believe that this is a record acquisition out of your company.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. Franklin Quisenberry  
Curator  
United States National Museum



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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
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TREASURY DEPARTMENT

UNITED STATES MINT SERVICE

PHILADELPHIA 30, PA.

October 4, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman, Secretary  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

You and Mr. Bressett are to be congratulated on your book about the 1804 dollar. It is most absorbing. The subject is treated in a clear, comprehensive manner lending convincing weight to your conclusions.

The illustrations are also excellent; in fact the entire presentation is extremely well done and I am very glad to have a copy; also I want to thank you for the mention you gave me in the Preface. This was thoughtful of you.

The book is being sent to you with this in the hope that you will autograph it for me.

Thanks again and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

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Mr. and Mrs. Bensalem and Mrs. P. L. Martin  
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Florida, Wisconsin

I greatly appreciate your sending me this autographed  
letter and shall cherish it.

Sincerely yours,

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GLENN B. SMEDLEY October 5th

253 WASHINGTON BLVD., OAK PARK, ILL.

Dear Ken:

The robbery is solved - if there was any to begin with. The Parkville 1004 Dollar was today, with a post mark of Oct. 2. So we can't visit the Oak Park Post Office too much this time.

I've given it only a hurried look so far but have no doubt of its worth as a contribution to the field of numismatic librarians. Will give it more careful attention and plan to get a review in the December issue of The Numismatist.

Brad tells me that we are to have a visit from the noted engraver Paul Visee and his wife at the October 10 meeting of OCO. It is Brad's intention to bring them up to the pre-meeting dinner at Hardings, so hope you and Dick will be there.

Now you have seen OCO had a show and dinner at the Webster Hotel just west of Lincoln Park in 1959? Anyway, I've quite sure that was the time Paul and his wife were here and attended our affair. In case you are hazy about him, he is a engraver who settled in England in 1938 and has made quite a name for himself in the medallion field. We remember them as very congenial people that you enjoy visiting.

Sincerely,



## QUEENSBOROUGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

THE CITY UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Springfield Boulevard and Long Island Expressway

Bayside 64, New York

Oct. 7, 1962

Dear Eric:

A few days ago a copy of The Fantastic (and fascinating!) 1804 Dollar arrived and I have been enjoying it thoroughly. Thank you ever so much for sending it to me.

Recently I have not done any work on "counterfeiting" history but am engaged in preparing the customs records of N.Y. 1700-1709 for publication. I found them recently together with two of my friends at Queens College.

So let us know if you come to NYC (our home phone is BA 4-0778). This Spring I was made a full professor and we are extremely happy here at Queensborough.



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Dear Eric:

A few days ago a copy of The Fantastic (and fascinating!) 18c<sup>4</sup> Dollar arrived and I have been enjoying it thoroughly. Thank you ever so much for sending it to me.

Recently I have not done any work on Counterfeiting history but am engrossed in preparing the Customs Records of N.Y. 1700-1769 for publication. I found them recently together with two of my friends at Queens College.

So let us know if you come to NYC (our home phone is BA 4-0778). This spring I was made a full professor, and we are extremely happy here at Queensborough.

Amelia joins me in sending  
all best wishes to you both.

cordially,  
Ken

Oct 7 1968

Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
 Racine, Wisconsin

Attention: Mr. Kenneth E. Prentiss  
Numismatic Publisher

Dear Ken:

The Advance Copy you sent me of "The Fantastic 1968" catalog  
is greatly appreciated. My sincere thanks to you for this.

In addition to being "fantastic", I also find it almost  
incredible to --

- Receive the book September 27
- note that it was mimeographed by one of the printers about 24
- Find a valid reference citation on page 66 to a publication  
dated September 3 -- of the same month of the same year!

Boy! What a wild time you folks must have had!

When I reviewed the material (none of it) earlier, I didn't  
yet know the halftones, the binding, or the index. All are  
superb -- particularly the index. Congratulations for you will  
thoroughly be doing a good job on the index.

I'm a perfectionist as far as typographical errors -- so warned;  
this publication is remarkably free of them -- I mean, *so*:

On page 51 and in the index, it should be "J.-P. D'Amo"  
rather than "J. P. D'Amo."

This is a picky detail, altho he is one of my favorite subjects  
for numismatic study.

You suggest that I "may wish to change my review somewhat after  
looking at the final results." No changes of consequence are  
needed, beyond what I agreed to on August 4. If you wish, the  
following changes may be made:

- 1) Final sentence of lead paragraph changed to: "Vinyl-coated  
board cover, 144 pp, incl. Index of Names and 49 listed illustrations."
- 2) In 2nd paragraph, change "49 people" to "85 people."
- 3) Add sentence to 2nd paragraph: "The printing, the cover,  
the illustrations, the index: all are superbly done."
- 4) In paragraph 5, after "frustrating subject:", insert:

"The most recent references cited are to material dated in August and September of the present year (page 66), relative to David B. Spink's disclosure of a heretofore unknown specimen pedigreed to an 1834 proof set presented to the King of Siam in 1836."

5) Start new paragraph beginning: "While a few facets. . ."

6) The last paragraph as previously agreed to reads:

"All but the most utterly irreconcilable will be firmly convinced by the authors' conclusions. The United States silver dollar dated 1804 still is the "King of American coins;" throughout history, few kings acted less kingly because they were illegitimate or usurpers."

7) In next-to-last paragraph, add to end of conclusion 33 (to agree with text as printed):

". . . is an imposter, but was made for a king."

If I'm too late (or there is insufficient space) to get the above changes made, no harm is done.

Best regards, and all success.

Very truly yours,  
R. H. Williamson

CC  
Eric P. Newman

Raymond H. Williamson

THE CHASE MANHATTAN BANK

Museum of Money of the World

RCA Building, Rockefeller Center

1254 Avenue of the Americas, New York 20, N.Y.

1960-10-18

Dear Dr. Frankel,  
National Publishing Company  
1110 North Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Frankel,

It was very thoughtful of you to send me  
an autographed copy of the book, "THE CHASE TIT"  
to Dr. John R. by you and Eric Neuman. I have  
thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

You and Eric are to be complimented on presenting  
the facts pertaining to this controversial subject  
in such an enlightening manner. While all facets  
have been covered, I sure say that collectors will  
continue to discuss the pros and cons of this coin  
for generations to come.

Your treatment of the 1804 dollar in the Chase  
written book "Money" was done very well, and I  
learned some details concerning it which were not  
clear to me previously.

Many thanks for your kindness, and I appreciate  
having this book for my library.

Sincerely yours,

John R. Frankel

John Gallagher

10000 block of 30th Street

Washington, D. C. 20008

Telephone: 333-1281

Telex: 22-1000

Mr. August M. Watters  
Watters Publishing Company  
112 Madison Avenue  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Watters:

"Protective 1874 Dollars". I read it with great pleasure and interest, with particular reference to the characters. I must congratulate you and Eric Newton again for having produced what I feel is the best book on U. S. Nationals that has so far appeared. The book is a most complete as technical texts and history at background.

The one point that interested me most was your identification of the Watters Specimen with that of the Item of M. C. F. now only remains to be seen whether the same person is quite

so me at the time that it might be worth while enquiring about the old price of the Col. Lin Chinese Enclosure at this in the byes of finding an 1874 Dollar. If I'd known of the set I would have bought it.

Having heard of such a set. At that time he was still Chief of State. Now he lives in France and isn't about to go back to the country of his birth if he can help it. Another missed chance.

Yours,

James C. Risk





# EMPIRE STATE COIN SHOW

Q. David Bowers, Louis E. Babb, Roger Rabson, Adeline Gray, N.Y./Tel 336-0344

1974-1975

Mr. Ken Pressed  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1221 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Thank you for your copy sent to Jim and myself of your book on the 1864 dollar. I have read it from cover to cover and believe that it is one of the finest numismatic books ever published. The illustrations and text are superb.

With best regards, I remain

Q. David Bowers

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J. A. Cassidy, M.D.

October 15, 1962

Mr. David B. Spink  
5 King Street  
London S.W. 1, England

Dear Mr. Spink:

My wife and I enjoyed meeting you and appreciated your courtesy to us when we were in London last Friday. The lunch at your club was most pleasant and we enjoyed having a personal visit with you.

I am glad that you were in a position to allow me the opportunity of working on the Siam Presentation Set, although I will admit that my heart missed a beat when the set disappeared into the safe without either of us knowing it. I found everything exactly as it should have been. Thank you for the pictures and when you have another print made of the box cover please send it.

It was a pleasure meeting Mr. Liddell and working with your associates and I hope it leads to both a steady business and research relationship.

I believe they are going to send me some books. I would like very much to borrow the Sale Catalogue of Adolph Weyl, of Berlin, for October 13, 1884 since I believe you have a complete set of catalogues of that period and it is unavailable in the United States. I will return it promptly.

I look forward to seeing you in the future and hope that this is just the beginning of many more interesting things.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri  
U.S.A.

EPN/atb

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EPN/atb

October 15, 1962

Mr. James C. Risk  
Coin Galleries  
123 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Risk:

Your letter of September 17, 1962 came while I was in Europe. On October 12 I visited David B. Spink, in London, and saw the presentation set and studied it.

I must admit that my inability to learn of the discovery of the presentation set did result in great inconvenience to me and substantial additional work. I even inquired, in writing, of the moderator, of the nature of the subject and was told that it was a secret.

However, since I am not complaining and neither Ken Bressett, nor Whitman Publishing Company is complaining, there is no problem.

You and David B. Spink must have had your reasons for not disclosing the information prior to the time you did and, in addition, David Spink wrote me and told me that he did not know that our book was specifically on the 1804 Dollar since he assumed it was on dollars in general. Coincidence played a great part in the release of the book and the release of your data on the presentation set and I am thankful that the presentation set data was available before the book was distributed.

Thank you for your frankness and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

SPN/atb

October 16, 1962

Whitman Publishing Company  
Racine, Wisconsin

Please send and invoice to  
Aaron R. Feldman  
1200 Avenue of the Americas  
New York 36, New York  
3 copies of "The Fantastic".

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

October 16, 1962

Mr. Amon Carter, Jr.  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram  
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Mr. Carter:

Now that the book on the 1804 Dollar is published, I particularly want to express to you my thanks for your full cooperation in sending me your coins for examination. Without them I could not have studied the detail with care and patience and could not have produced the photographs which you will easily recognize in the book. You did me a great service and I want you to know it.

Please try to come to see me whenever you pass through St. Louis.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman, President

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EPN/atb

G LINDENWOLD TERRACE  
AMBLER, PA.

(October 18, 1962)

Mr. & Mrs. Bressett and Newman,  
% The Fantastic 1804 Dollar

Dear Mr. Bressett:-

For the receipt of the unique  
publication entitled "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" and  
your kind letter of October 1 1962 I convey in this  
note sincere appreciation and thanks.

After a limited perusal may I join in  
congratulations, first for the choice in research  
of eminent collaborators and your own ability and  
perseverance for details in the preparation for  
publication.

The book itself is attractive and the print-  
ing and binding appear flawless

Again an expression of gratitude -

Most sincerely

Frederick Goldsmith

Not on record -

Do you remember the slogan -

"You gotta stop kickin' my horse' around"  
so I guess we may paraphrase it --

"You gotta stop kickin' my (1804 Dollar) around"  
"As long as now"

F.G.

October 19, 1962

Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.  
176 Hendrickson Avenue  
Rockville Centre  
Long Island, New York

Dear John:

With respect to the Taxay book, I have been an viewer, and I just had the opportunity to read the manuscript.

I wrote on August 8, 1962 and gave him certain suggestions which have not yet been incorporated. As you know, I made prior suggestions at various times, particularly on July 31, 1962.

I have reread the material and feel that it requires a great deal of work. It definitely needs an index, particularly with reference to the coins discussed. The illustrations I have never seen and are very important. The citations are almost non-existent and this is a very serious situation.

On page 7-A the closing of Machin's Bill is 1791 is a figment of Walter's imagination and the correspondence which Crosby quotes. On the same page he should refer to my Vermont "Enigma" article and not say that the hub devices on Vermont coppers are identical to those found on British halfpence as it is only on a couple of the British halfpence that they are found.

Correcting the 1804 Dollar information will require our book and I wonder whether you have sent him the copy which I asked Bressett to mail to New Netherlands for that purpose.

Gelley 22 needs a lot of correction. Incidentally, Wattmore never said anything about the 1804 Dollar and this is an unsupported conclusion.

Page 2  
Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.

October 19, 1962

On 22-A, no one said that the son who made the re-strikes was a son of Jacob Isaac Hofferst. Actually it was not so pointed out in our book. Walter was in error in "The Vendetta".

Page 24. The specific reference to Kenneth Brewster is not accurate, nor is the date 1869.

The number of restrikes struck off was at least 9, and not 7, as 2 were destroyed.

The fourth line from the bottom on page 39 has a typographical error which may be missed.

On 32, the name is Wagner. It should also be pointed out that Samuel Brown was an employee of the Mint and I gave Taxay all of the detail.

This book needs careful proofreading as there are quantities of errors.

I really think this book is loaded with interesting material which has never been published. It needs to be published although some of it is repetition of what has been published before and I think the section on Jackson tokens is completely out of place. Nevertheless, that is up to the writer.

I have insisted that he show that the Washlow coins were struck from transfer dies and if that change is not made it will be necessary for me to comment upon it subsequently.

John, I sincerely do not see how you have the time to go over this manuscript and polish it. It would be a shame to publish such fine material in such an incomplete manner. It deserves the careful finishing which will make it important. I feel that if Taxay cannot work on it while he is in India it should wait until he returns. You may not agree with me but it is not essential that it be released immediately. Some else is going to publish this material. Without citations and careful wording a reader might lose confidence in one portion and would therefore be unimpressed with other portions.

Page 3  
Mr. John J. Ford, Jr.

October 19, 1962

The introduction is extremely scholarly but is much too long. The definition portion should be a separate section.

I would like to write Don, in India, after being brought up to date on what he is doing about the book as I know nothing about what has gone on since your letter of September 11.

Please let me know if I can be of further help.

Sincerely yours,

EDWARD F. KENNEDY

10/20/62  
J



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October 26, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I am happy to note that you are back in the states once again and I was very interested in the brief sketches you sent me of the information that you picked up concerning the Siam 1804 dollar.

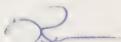
Research of the book has been very good. The complimentary copies were mailed out to everyone on your list and to several more of my friends. Publicity releases were sent to approximately fifty publications, and some of these have started to trickle back to me already. "Everyone" has expressed interest in the book and several have stated that it is truly an outstanding piece of work.

Very few errors have come to light. I list the following which have been brought to my attention: Page 31 and 143 - H. P. Droz should be changed to J. P. Droz. Page 70 - In the caption, half eagle should be changed to quarter eagle. Page 84 - John R. Snowden should be changed to James R. Snowden.

Walter claims that the weight of the 1804 proof eagle should have been specified (we didn't have it in time). I discovered to my amazement that there is no 1804 proof eagle in the mint collection. I was more puzzled as to why the 1834 half eagle without motto was omitted from the Siam proof set.

These little items will give us something to think about and perhaps someday we will be able to make a few changes and revisions for the second edition of the Fantastic book. Please keep in touch.

'sever,



Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

P. S. Spink has already sent me a photograph of the outside of the Siam case.



Oct 29,

Dear Mr. Wm. W.,

I was a day ago today & a copy of your  
new book I have in hand,  
busy as I am now I have  
written you now, I plan  
to digest it & then late this  
week or next I finished and  
send down the copy you  
want.

The bidding call on its  
value of the Bank has  
been over yet. I think a  
lot of people are in doubt  
whether it is of the 1804 Dollar.

Another bid is that you  
are planning to divide your  
collection to the city of St. Louis  
which on its will be found  
to be a very fair collection.

The last week, the  
Post-Dispatch and the Tribune  
to see it. They are opening

was the only one that was  
able to get a good view of the  
bottom of the lake. I  
think it is

about 100 feet deep.

So, I think

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY  
Worcester 9, Massachusetts MARCUS A. McCORISON, Librarian

October 30, 1962

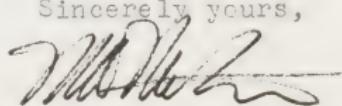
Mr. Eric F. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Some time ago we received a copy of The Fantastic 1804 Dollar, which we assume to be your gift.

We are grateful to you for thinking of us in this way, and know that the book will be of use to us and to our patrons.

Sincerely yours,



MAM  
JCS

OCTOBER 22, 1967

Mr. Ernest J. Bremer,  
Children Publishing Company,  
1220 Forest Avenue,  
Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Dear Dr. Smith

Many thanks for the autographed copy of your book, "The Testaceous IBC Wall", which arrived yesterday.

So far I have just browsed over it and found it very interesting. I hope to start from the beginning and read it thoroughly.

Again many thanks for this enjoyable book.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

August F. Neumann

October 31, 1962

Mr. Elston G. Bradfield, Editor  
P.O. Box 3491  
Chicago 54, Illinois

Dear Elston:

Thank you for your nice review of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" as published in the NUMISMATIST.

The November number is a very excellent issue.

Incidentally, if you could send me a second copy for my file, I would be appreciative.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERPM/atb

10/31/04

Dr. George J. Fuld  
P.O. Box 6047  
Baltimore 31, Maryland

Dear Eric:

I haven't bothered you lately as I've been up to my ears & you have been rightly thru the changes in the 1804 book!! How you & Ken did this in 30 days is beyond me. As I told Ken when I saw the original "jewel box proof", the job on the book was fabulous but praise from me will only be unnecessary as anything you ever do is, if not better perfect, as close to it as "a poor human" can do!!!

I leave for Europe tomorrow in business (& a little leisure) - 2 wks

Business & 7 days vacation 17  
London & Paris (of course my  
wife's going so we'll do some  
sightseeing!)

Out of these days, when  
the smoke settles (I was  
just made Vice President at  
Feld B., Inc.); we're trying to build  
a plant in Canada, & start  
a new division (unfortunately all  
at once!!) - I'll get back  
to work on the Washington back.  
Have you covered a few laborers  
things lately, so it's really  
coming along (more in metal line  
than com line - will tell you  
more ~~at~~ & later!)

Again - congrats on the

wonderful job (I wonder what  
our "friends" think with  
the Wolfson collection up for  
sale?)

Long live the fantasy  
debutants!!!!

(your final line on  
page - 114 - is the  
price - !!!)  
say below to Evelyn

Yours

(Re at Drei Mohren Hotel in  
Augsburg, West Germany)  
from Oct 8th to 18th  
if there's anything I can  
do for you in London or Paris

Sorus - no time to type!!!  
(Maybe one day I'll <sup>take</sup>  
a secretary!!).

J,

November 5, 1962

Dear S.W.,

Thank you for your nice  
comments about the 1804 Dollar  
book.

I will keep you in mind if  
I find any interesting 2¢ pieces.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely

Mr. S. W. Freeman  
Newport, Arkansas

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN



# FREEMAN OFFICE EQUIPMENT COMPANY

TELEPHONE 92

116 WALNUT STREET

NEWPORT, ARKANSAS

October 31, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I was most pleased to receive, through Art Kelley, the autographed copy of your magnificent work on the 1804 dollar. This, I consider to be a great contribution to numismatics.

I am still working on the various varieties of the two cent series and have found many interesting examples of ~~real~~ cut dates and over dates in the series. If, at any time, you should chance upon any unusual striking of this series, I would appreciate hearing from you.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially yours,

S. W. Freeman

SWF/mwl

November 5, 1962

Dear Bill,

Thank you for the New York  
Times International edition  
publicity. I had no knowledge  
that they were that short of  
news.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Mr. William H. Dillistin  
Paterson, New Jersey

*From the desk of*  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

WILLIAM H. DILLISTIN  
BANK CONSULTANT

443 EAST 39TH STREET  
PATERSON 4, NEW JERSEY

October 29, 1962

Dear Eric:

I thought that you might be interested in the enclosed review of your book which I read last Monday while sitting in the lobby of the Amsterdam Hilton (Holland).

I was pleased when I returned home the following evening to find a copy of your book among my mail. It will be read with considerable interest.

Sincerely,

*Piel*

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
St Louis, Missouri.

# Coin Galleries

Dealers and Appraisers

Hotel Salisbury - Second Floor  
123 WEST 57th STREET  
NEW YORK 19, N. Y.

November 7, 1962

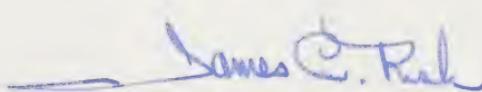
Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Whitman Publishing Company  
1220 Mound Avenue  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Newman:

I am enclosing a copy of my comments on "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar", which will appear shortly in our Numismatic Review, in the expectation that you may find them of interest.

Sincerely yours,

COIN GALLERIES



James C. Risk

JCR/hk

BOOK REVIEW - "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar"

Far too many current books and articles dealing with American coins have been written by men who, to adapt the classic description of the Ph.D., are only interested in learning more and more about less and less. In saying this it is not our intention to belittle the constructive efforts of Beistle, Bolender and Crosby, to name only three who have made major contributions. Their books have laid an essential groundwork in the field of U.S. Numismatics. It is the Collector in the role of amateur scholar who has poured forth an increasingly sterile product, impelled by a primeval urge to unearth more varieties to collect. The "varieties" in modern issues so triumphantly announced are frequently only the result of die wear, or high speed coining methods which require more imagination than good eyesight to appreciate. It can be added that imagination and enthusiasm are not adequate substitutes for scholarship. Much of what is written is seldom really worth anyone's attention.

It is therefore a pleasure to find, at long last, a new and really significant book dealing with United States coins. Newman and Bressett's, "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar", just released by the Whitman Publishing Company, is a volume anyone interested in coins should have in his library, regardless of what he collects. Most of us enjoy the solution of a good mystery. We believe the solution of the mystery of the 1804 Dollar has finally been discovered. In the process the authors have told a rollicking good story bound to give the coin enthusiast many a hearty chuckle in the reading. Although Numismatists have not often been noted for their easy command of the English language, we cannot avoid pointing out that the authors also write well, and know how to organize their material. They are generous in their acknowledgement of the research assistance given by two principal collaborators, Walter H. Breen and Lynn Glaser, whose names command respect.

In pointing out that modern U.S. Numismatics suffers from too much amateur scholarship, we should not neglect the sins of our ancestors in this respect. The story of the 1804 Dollar has been bedeviled from the very beginning by those who invented tales and pedigrees they wanted to believe and then proclaimed them from the housetops as gospel. In fact pure invention has been associated with the piece from the day in 1843 when Matthew Stickney exchanged two coins of dubious authenticity for an "Original" 1804 Dollar at the Mint in Philadelphia. The amount of wind and worry devoted to "proving" that the coin had actually been struck in 1804 can, from this vantage point, only be regarded as astounding. An almost unbelievable combination of numismatic naiveté, strange silences from Mint officials who knew when and why the Type I coin had been struck all along, the later production of the Type II and Type III copies, and the very human conniving of generations of Dealers, all contributed to befog the issue. The authors quote DeWitt H. Smith, an eminent collector of an earlier generation, with considerable relish. Mr. Smith said, "One thing I have noticed, when anyone (dealer or collector) has one to sell he thinks it is genuine, but when some other party has one to sell, the same man will discredit it". All these problems have been neatly sorted out by Newman and Bressett in a way that carries their conviction to the reader. But it is not simply a matter of their conviction. They produce facts that cannot be gainsayed.

There are several points in this delightful book that particularly appealed to the Reviewer, who has never been noted for any marked interest in most aspects of American coin collecting today. It has not been possible to discuss the 1804 Dollar without explaining how early U.S. Coins were minted, for example. And then the story of the 1804 cannot be entirely separated from the 1801, 1802 and 1803 Proof Dollars and the 1804 Proof Eagle. We learn all about these coins and many other things of real Numismatic interest. Each existing 1804 Dollar is carefully listed and its entire pedigree given. The newly discovered Siam Dollar first dis-

closed at the Detroit A.N.A. Convention in August 1962, is given its due. The "missing" Dollar, originally contained in the set given to the Sultan of Muscat and presumed lost as long ago as 1865, has been identified convincingly with the Watters Specimen. It goes without saying, too, that the book is amply and beautifully illustrated, as any Numismatic work worth its salt must be.

Before closing these remarks there is one thing that needs to be said in so many hard words. The story of the 1804 Dollar is not without a moral for all Collectors. Numismatics is a science and not a matter of uninformed opinion. The coin never should have been the mystery it was developed into. No one with any knowledge of coins should ever have been persuaded that it had been struck in 1804. The very fabric of the piece has always provided the evidence it was not. We may not have known until now why the coin appeared more than forty years after the date it bore. We should not, regardless of our generation, ever have doubted that it was a restrike. The "1804 Dollar" in the guise we have always known it was a creation of pure fantasy, reinforced by gullibility on the part of the Collecting Fraternity as a whole. There should be no more "Fantastic" coins in the U.S. series. To avoid such fantasies should be a matter of self respect on the part of all U.S. Collectors.

November 4, 1962

Widener Library  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In view of the cooperation I have always received from the various libraries of Harvard University, I am enclosing herewith a copy of the book entitled "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" for your numismatic collection.

Sincerely yours,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC  
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/etb

Sunday Nov. 11, 1962  
y research stopped to write you

Dear Ron:

I feel that to promote the sale of the Fantastic there should be no delay in the use of the accumulated complimentary material. I am astounded by such remarks, but perhaps you are used to it. To those I sent you you have sent me the following lies:

"a classic in the numismatic field" Bohm

One of the finest numismatic books ever published" Bohm  
"a perfect combination of technical facts and historical background"  
"best book on U.S. numismatics that has so far appeared" Fisk  
"this beautifully presented study" Stein

If G. Gley is writing a review for the Numismatist then perhaps he could be told of these comments and those I previously sent. Other coin publications could put these into a news story or editorial. I don't if you don't want to put them in an ad. Then sales are going to be that is the time to put these comments to use, not when interest has died.

As to national publicity in other than numismatic circles I think we have always thought that a fascinating feature article is natural. It is hot news because of the disclosure of the St. Louis stuff and the auctioning of the Wolfson piece. What is your advertising? I may think about the situation. The Chicago office of Life has been reached because of the new interest and the fact that the book is a hit.

Do you think I should write a letter to the editor and suggest publicity in the St. Louis Post Dispatch. There has been writing on the book here. Did you send data to the Milwaukee and Racine papers or not. I believe you had an article in the Facing eager. I have not given copies to the library here as yet, which loses any book review editor. Please give me your opinion as to whether it will help sales.

Incidentally Williamson worked hard on a review and if it is not published anywhere he will be disappointed. That was done for the Scrapbook would publish it if the book is a hit sent to them.

Tell me how many are sold now. Is Friedberg buying up his department or not?

Thanks for everything.

P.S. Comments we will not get:

"My conscience hurts me about my remarks about the Zorb."

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"You let us off easy as to our side on the 1934 dollar" Stoe

November 14, 1962

Mr. James C. Risk  
Coin Galleries  
123 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Risk:

Thank you, very much, for sending me a copy of your comments on "The Fantastic" in your Numismatic Review. What you say is very generous and gratifying. It is so nice I would like to have a couple of extra copies when it is published.

If the item has not gone to press as yet I might suggest a couple of technical changes. Stickney's exchange involved a few coins, only one of which was of dubious authenticity and not two.

We use Class I, Class II, and Class III rather than Type I, Type II, and Type III for certain technical reasons.

Your sentence about doubting that it is a restrike does not say what you mean it to say, in my opinion. What you mean to say is, we should always, regardless of our generation, have doubted that it was a restrike.

Thanks, again, for your cooperation in connection with furnishing us last minute information for our book. It seems to be selling very well and your comments will give it added impetus.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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14th November, 1962.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
400 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis 2.  
Missouri,  
U.S.A.

Dear Mr. Newman,

Many thanks for your letter of October 15th, and I too enjoyed the time we spent together when you were over here recently.

I am sending you by separate post a print of the box cover, as requested.

Regarding your wish to loan the Sale Catalogue of Adolph Weyl of Berlin, this would have been a pleasure if we had it in our Library but I am sorry to say we do not have it.

With kindest regards to your wife and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

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St. Louis 2, Missouri

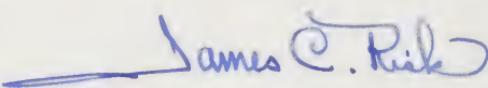
Dear Mr. Newman:

Thank you for your letter of November 14th, with the changes you suggest it would be well to include in my book review. Since we are just in the final page proof stage I was able to introduce them into the text.

The comment in your fourth paragraph left me thoroughly confused. After reading my sentence about not doubting the Dollar was a restrike etc., I felt I had said exactly what I meant, but was not at all sure of your meaning. The solution I adopted, faced with this conundrum, should be satisfactory to both parties. I simply cut the sentence, and the one preceding it out completely.

I was forced to expand the review by another paragraph or so to fill up the space, but the sense remains the same. I am naturally pleased you feel it will be useful.

Sincerely yours,



James C. Risk

JCR/hk

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Box 633

St. Louis 88, Missouri

Nov. 15, 1962

Dear Mr. Newman,

We are most grateful  
for your gift of "The Fantastic  
1804 Dollar" and for the  
gracious note in the book.  
How nice to be able to  
list you as a Mercantile  
author, although I realize  
that it certainly isn't the first  
time. And not the last. I  
am sure! Sincerely,

Maynard  
Librarian

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November 15, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
6450 Cecil Avenue  
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Thanks for keeping me up to date with all of the comments that you have received on the Fantastic book. I still get occasional newspaper reviews, but most of these are directly from the News Release and do not warrant reporting to you.

Smedley is writing a review for the NUMISMATIST. He told me its contents and it sounds very good just as it is. I am not going to ask him to use quotations from our correspondents. Frankly, I am not in favor of using such comments at this time. As I said before, they may be used in the future, but I am not certain of the best way to handle it. I will certainly give it full consideration.

I have no idea where Williamson's review will appear. I hope it is put to good use. I know you have seen Jim Risk's review-- I personally think it is the best so far.

I am getting nowhere on the national publicity angle. I will keep pushing this, however, and attack the situation from a few new frontiers. Let me know if you come up with any good suggestions.

By all means, you should contact the St. Louis Post Dispatch. I sent material to the local papers and found that they were very receptive. I am sure that your local paper would be also. Don't overlook the potential of giving copies to the library or any other place where it might attract attention. This is not

being egotistical but simply a subtle way of publicizing the book. About 1,700 of the books have been sold to date. I spoke to Marshall Field's coin department manager in Chicago and he said that he was expecting a supply of the 1804 book from Friedberg. I suspect that the other branches will receive their books in the near future also.

I got a big laugh out of the P. S. about comments we will not get.

'sever,



Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

November 18, 1960

Dear Ken:

You asked me in your letter of Nov. 15 what to do about getting better publicity for the book on a broader base and I asked a public relations friend here what he might suggest. He said that the publisher should write a letter and send a copy of the book to both the feature editor and the photo editor of our best newspaper. I have sent the form of letter herewith and you may feel free to make changes of course. Please have Dick Yeoman send it if he is in town and will do it. If not have so some one other than yourself.

This I believe will get a feature which may be able to be used nationally.

Mr. Harry Williamson, Features Editor  
St. Louis Post Dispatch  
St. Louis Mo.

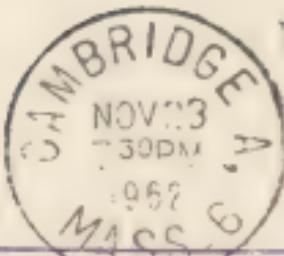
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St. Louis Post Dispatch  
St. Louis Mo.

Because of the stampless in Washington this may go unsent. I would send the books from here but the public relations character says it would be better if it didn't come direct from the publisher.

Do it immediately and before the news is old. I hate being immodest like this but apparently it is routine.

Send me a copy of whatever you write.

Thanks.



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November 27, 1962

Mr. James C. Risk  
Coin Galleries  
Hotel Salisbury, 2nd Floor  
123 West 57th Street  
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Risk:

Would you be nice enough to send me four  
additional copies of the Numismatic Review,  
just issued, being Vol. 3, No. 5.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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Eric Newman, Esq.  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Mo.

Dear Eric:

I have just received the copy of "The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" which you so kindly sent me. "Fantastic" is indeed the word for the story which you and your colleagues unfold with such meticulous documentation.

I have not read it through yet, but it is evident from what I have sampled that the book is a very substantial essay not only in numismatics but also in more general history. The discussion is well researched, well reasoned, and well written. But I must draw the line at lyin' about the "Lyon" dollar (p.65).

I deeply appreciate your sending me a copy of this fascinating book.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Max Goldman

November 28, 1962

Mr. David Spink  
Spink & Son, Ltd.  
5, 6, & 7, King Street  
St. James's  
London, S. W. I, England

Dear Mr. Spink:

Thank you, very much, for sending me the photograph of the box of the Siam Presentation Set. The picture was just published by Jim Risk in the Numismatic Review, as you know. I am glad to have it in our file and if there is a second edition of the book it will be used.

Enclosed herewith is a check to cover books purchased at the time I was in London.

Mr. Liddell will take care of me as to coins in which I am interested and I look forward to hearing from him whenever the occasion arises.

Again, many thanks for your kindnesses.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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December 3, 1962

Mr. Glenn B. Smedley  
253 Washington Blvd.,  
Oak Park, Illinois

Dear Glenn:

Thank you, very much, for the sincerity with which you wrote the review of The Fantastic 1804 Dollar. I certainly would have liked to change the title to cover the scope of the elements which were included in the book but I believe so sincerely in sticking to one subject that I wanted to eliminate anything which was not actually relevant to the 1804. If I had gone into other related matters the book would have been published three years from now at the earliest.

Would you be nice enough to send me two additional copies of The Numismatist, or ask Brad to do it.

Kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPW/atb

EDWARD R. BARNESLEY, NUMISMATIST,

Collector of American Colonial and State Coins, Member of ANS, ANA, and MANA.

33 S. STATE ST., NEWTOWN, PA.

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Mr. George E. Ladd,  
Ladd & Ladd Company,  
1220 Nunda Avenue,  
Racine, Wisconsin.

... Dear Kent

It seems to fall to me now to finally complete the research  
and writing on the history of the "The Famous 1804 Dollar", as  
the whodunit story unraveled therein is indeed FANTASTIC. I have  
tried the volume twice to absorb all the detail necessary, and  
each time I got a big chuckle out of the hidden humor deliberately  
planted in the text. I am now revolutionizing the  
volume. Again I say, until the day of the great  
unveiling, I will not let any of the secret out, and consider that  
upon completion of such a splendid monument.

At your step, I am sure, comes the time to file the manuscript  
and inform him he expected to receive it. I will not do so, as  
much gossip other than he had heard Green's revision of it  
will be forthcoming soon. I will, however, let him know, as soon as  
events occurred it would be in the public interest to inform him.

I am still in touch with my connection, though I am  
not winning it either on the "front" line or the "back". I am  
as yet at a standstill as to what he does. I can't  
imagine how he can do what he does. If you ever find out, let me in on the secret.

With best wishes of the season, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,



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December 5, 1962

Ned,

Did you ever get a copy of  
The Fantastic 1804 Dollar book  
which I had sent to you from  
Whitman?

Yes, but it came thru the courtesy  
of Bressett who inscribed the flyleaf  
to that effect. Thanks anyway for  
your share of the volume.

ERB

5/24/63

From the desk of  
ERIC P. NEWMAN

*Memo From*

GLENN B. SMEDLEY

253 WASHINGTON BLVD., OAK PARK, ILL.

December 8, 1962

Dear Eric:

Thank you for your kind letter regarding my review of The Fantastic 1804 Dollar in the December issue of The Numismatist.

My comment about the title was not intended as a criticism; it is just my thought that the book might appeal to a wider range of buyers if the title indicated that it contains much information relating to other coins than the 1804 dollar. Probably this will be understood gradually.

Since I do not receive extra copies of The Numismatist, but Brad does, I have asked him to send two copies to you. I doubt that he will forget, but if you don't receive them within a week or so, please drop me a card and I'll remind him.

May I suggest that you try to get up this way for the Central States convention April 26-28 in Chicago, and/or the Numismatists of Wisconsin convention May 10-12 in Racine? I understand the latter will include a trip through Whitman's plant. A lot of your friends would be happy to see you at either affair.

With highest regards, and best wishes for the Holidays, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Glenn*  
Glenn B. Smedley

Ass't to Editor  
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December 24, 1954

Mr. Edward R. Barnsley  
111 S. State Street  
Newtown, Pennsylvania

Dear Ned:

Many thanks for your letter and for the kind comments about the 1804 dollar book. We put considerable effort into the work and although it was a lot of fun, the greatest satisfaction comes from the fact that people like you appreciate it.

I haven't heard much more about Breen's revision of the Crosby book. I understand it will be a reprint with interleaved pages containing Breen's annotations.

This was hardly what I had envisioned for a revised Crosby, but I am sure it will be an asset to the science. I had hoped that WHITMAN could publish a completely new book including not only the work of Breen but that of Leaman, yours and others. Perhaps we will still be able to produce such a book someday in the future.

I hope that your enthusiasm does not wane, as there is still much work to be done in the Colonial field. I am with several weekends with Eric and I think I have some understanding about how he does so much work. The secret is that he never stops-- I have never seen such a hard worker. He kept me working on coins from early morning until the wee hours, and in the meantime he always seemed to be working on two or three other projects.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

John Bressett  
Editor

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19th December, 1962.

Mr. Eric P. Newman,  
Edison Brothers Stores Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue,  
St. Louis 2,  
Mo. U.S.A.

Dear Eric,

Many thanks for your letter of the 28th and cheque for \$26.60, receipt for which is attached.

I am glad to hear the photos of the box arrived safely and if you want any more information or photographs regarding the famous Set, please let me know.

I forgot if you told me when you were here, when and how you intended publishing a fuller article on the Set, but I should be interested to hear how it is progressing and where it will be published.

Please dont hesitate to write about any coins you may want, though unfortunately we dont get much now in the way of good U.S. or Colonial coins.

With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, to your wife and yourself,

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Eric P. Newman  
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St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I have forwarded copies of Williamson's review to Coin World and Coins Magazine. I think that these people will publish the review if anyone will. It is, however, a little late to make this newsworthy, and most of the other publications have already commented on the book. Where was the mixup? I naturally assumed that Williamson would be contacting whatever publication he wanted to use. I did not even have a copy of his revised work.

I don't see what you could write about the Spink presentation case. I think it would strike collectors as being a little redundant if we keep hashing this thing over in print each month. As far as I am concerned, the case should be closed until it is time for a second printing of the book--after all, what are we going to write about in the second edition if we don't save a few undisclosed facts until then.

I am glad to know that the people from the St. Louis newspaper have contacted you as implied in your letter. Be sure to send me a clipping of the article when it appears.

I have informed Mr. Perl that we do not care to bid against Ford Publications for his Bradbeer manuscript. I think he has talked himself into a corner and, thanks to your advice, I don't even care. Now what am I going to do about some sort of a book on this subject? You indicated that you would work with Ford and WHITMAN if we could come to some understanding. I will not

write to John about this because I feel I could get better results through talking with him the next time we meet. In the meantime, do you want to approach him with some sort of suggestion? I think you know what will happen if your manuscript gets bogged down with the Ford Publications. I can assure you that WHITMAN will publish such a book on schedule and in a fashion that we can all be proud of. I realize you must have other projects on the fire, but this seems to be something that is needed urgently. Let's get started before someone else gets into the act.

Say hello to Evelyn and the children for me and extend my best wishes for a happy holiday season.

'sever,



Ken Bressett  
Numismatic Editor  
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

1310 Latore.  
Bowling Green, Kentucky  
December 22, 1967.

Mr. Kenneth E. Prescott, Numismatic Editor  
Whitman Publishing Co.,  
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Enclosed is a copy of "King of the American Maritimes"  
which appeared in the December 17th edition of the Christian Science

Used it as a teaching instrument in my English classes at Western Kentucky  
State College. It is a fine example of an exhaustive piece of research.

Best personal wishes to you and the entire Whitman staff  
for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cordially yours,

James D. Murphy

# King of the American Rarities

## Masterfully Surpassed in the Silver Dollar

By Elmer C. Clark

Perma, Ohio

Part of 1804 has long been

the rarity (only 15 authentic examples are known) but the very interesting 1804 dollar is the most intriguing of all the 1803 dollar is that it has always been one of the most desired coins among numismatists everywhere. Whenever one of these coins has appeared

for auction the highest price

A particularly choice specimen, weighing no less than \$29.75 at a 1961 New York auction, was the record purchase price for one coin.

Each new sale has always stirred the imagination of newspaper reporters, numismatists, writers, and all collectors, whether or not they ever

have the chance to see these coins in person.

Only one probably made for the 1803 dollar, and a number of experts theorize that a quantity of dollars was a band struck in 1803 but thrown right back into the melting pot when the "stop order" came.

A gallery of experts on the subject have proven almost conclusively that the 1804 dollars were probably the 1803 dollars re-struck and therefore differ significantly from the 1803 variety and conform more closely to the design of those pieces coined in the 1803.

It has never been fully explained why the 1804 date has been inscribed on these coins.

Even into the volume which is to be the definitive "reference" of

They list everyone who has ever owned any one of the few 15 1804 dollars known.

At least three of the pieces are in permanent public museums. Two pieces, including

the famous Ross, the 1804

get mentioned in their position in "The Fantasy" that they try to write the last word in the subject. The date

of 1794 may be 1803 or 1800



What an Amazing 1804

dollar

hoped to own such a coin. A New York citizen will feature an 1804 dollar in a major auction scheduled for some time next year. Many dealers and collectors feel that the \$29,000 "price of entry" may be broken at that sale.

Oddly enough, United States silver dollars were probably produced in all of 1803 though published official Philadelphia Mint records show that 16,570 of them were coined in that year. Most numismatists now agree that the 1804 total for dollars actually coined those which were dated 1803. (The 1803 dollar is quite common.)

It is now generally believed that the 1804 dollars were struck at the mint between 1803 and 1804, during the period when Christian Gobrecht, assistant to the chief engraver,

and here lies one of the mysteries.

Nevertheless, a few "charlatans" continue to repeat or claim that the 1804 dollar coins were struck in that year and so far as I am informed, many of these "1804" dollars are fakes.

This should tries to know the exact by examining the "originals" were indeed produced in 1804 because they were the 1803.

Interest in the 1803 silver dollar quadran has reached so high a level in the past two or three years that two of the best-known experts on the subject, Eric P. Newman and Kenneth E. Bressett, wrote a whole book on the coin, "The Fantastic '804' Dollar" (Wharfman Publishing Co., Racine, Wis., 1962, 144 pp., \$3.50).

This is some sort of milestone in numismatic writing

Issue of silver dollars. (No length book been written on





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December 23, 1962

**JAMES A. BROWN**

227 Waverly Ave., Newark 8, N. J.

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Dear Eric P. Newman:

Thank you for your letter in which you relinquish your rights to A priceless gem of A book. You will live to regret this decision many times. You did not mention my article in The Scrapbook for the same month, I'm so disappointed that I am enclosing A autographed copy to you.

In your book you make not mention of the 1804 Dollar in the Newark, N. J. Museum which has been there since about 1925. It was donated by Frank Liveright who is now the oldest living member of the A.N.A. and the only survivor of the 1922 A.N.A. Convention. He got his 50 year pin several years ago. He is an old friend of mine and we both attended the Christmass party of the Bergen County N. J. lub last week. He was born in 1878. How you could have overlooked this particular 1804 U.S. Silver dollar is fantastic. This was part of an enourmous collection donated to the Newark Museum worth over one million dollars. Frank Liveright now lives in moderate circumstances in Westwood, N. J. and is quite shy and does not like publicity. However you have overlooked either on purpose or intent A rare piece.

Getting back to the business on hand I am patiently waiting for your want list of fabulous books. Prices too?

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sincerely Yours,

*James A. Brown*  
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December

Mr. James A. Brown  
227 Waverly Avenue  
Newark 8, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Brown:

Thank you for your note of December 23, 1962 and the reprint of your article in the Scrapbook. I did read your article and got many laughs from it. It is so truthful it really should not be considered funny.

I am glad that you raised the matter of the Liveright specimen of the 1804 Dollar in the Newark Museum. This was illustrated in the pamphlet "The Museum" for Summer, 1960, where the Liveright collection was written up by Elaine Gertz. While the collection is beautiful, the 1804 dollar is nothing more than an alteration and I am sure that Mr. Liveright knows it even though, possibly, Miss Gertz and the museum do not. Possibly you should check with Mr. Liveright. If a second edition of "The Fantastic" comes out I will add this material to the alterations chapter.

The Coin Encyclopedia will stay with you for quite a while. It is not an authoritative book in any way and I will wait until one is forced upon me.

Please do not expect my want list for the present as I am exhausted in other writing and research.

My very best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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December 26, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman  
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.  
400 Washington Avenue  
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

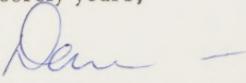
Thank you for your letter addressed to Jim. Sorry you cannot use the trial pieces. They are quite interesting and likewise rare.

We have nothing unusual in bust type Vermonts, but just have a few of the commonest varieties. I will keep you in mind if we get any of the scarcer Ryder numbers.

I read the 1804 dollar book, and thought it to be a masterpiece. It is one of the finest numismatic books I have ever read.

With best personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,



Q. David Bowers

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